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REMARKS

Before examination on the merits, please enter this Preliminary Amendment. This Preliminary Amendment was necessitated by Applicants' review of the claims where minor errors were noted. No new matter is added.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested and deemed in order.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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**MARKED-UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES**

1. (Amended) A CCM calculating system for calculating a blending ratio of colorants based on stored color data, said system comprising:

[an input means for inputting] a receiving means for receiving input data of color specification values corresponding to a desired target color; and

a calculating means for calculating a blending ratio of colorants for reproducing said target color based on said input data of color specification values and said stored color data.

11. (Amended) A CCM calculating method for calculating a blending ratio of colorants based on stored color data, said method comprising the steps of:

[inputting] receiving data of color specification values corresponding to a desired target color; and

calculating a blending ratio of colorants for reproducing said target color based on said [input] received data of color specification values and said stored color data.

12. (Amended) A computer-readable medium having a program of instructions for execution by the computer to perform a CCM calculation processing for providing a blending ratio of colorants

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based on stored color data, said CCM calculation processing comprising the steps of:

[inputting] receiving data of color specification values corresponding to a desired target color; and

calculating a blending ratio of colorants for reproducing said target color based on said [input] received data of color specification values and said stored color data.